

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period of morning business, with Senators speaking for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to 29 young Americans who have been killed in Iraq since September 3. All of them were from California or were based in California.

PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS ERIC L. KNOTT, AGE 21

Petty Officer Knott was killed September 4 when the area in which he was working was struck by enemy fire. He died of shrapnel wounds and had been supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4, Port Hueneme, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL LAMONT N. WILSON, AGE 20

Lance Corporal Wilson died September 6 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CORPORAL MICK R. NYGARDBEKOWSKY, AGE 21

Corporal Nygardbekowsky was killed in action September 6 from an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Concord, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL JOSEPH C. MCCARTHY, AGE 21

Lance Corporal McCarthy was killed in action September 6 from an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL QUINN A. KEITH, AGE 21

Lance Corporal Keith died September 6 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL DEREK L. GARDNER, AGE 20

Lance Corporal Gardner was killed in action September 6 from an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

He was from San Juan Capistrano, CA.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DAVID BURRIDGE AGE 19

Private First Class Burridge died September 6 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL MICHAEL J. ALLRED, AGE 22

Lance Corporal Allred died September 6 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER E. WETHERBEE, AGE 27

First Lieutenant Wetherbee died September 12 from injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JASON T. POINDEXTER, AGE 20

Private First Class Poindexter died September 12 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SPECIALIST EDGAR P. DACLAN, AGE 24

Specialist Daclan died September 10 in Balad, Iraq when his patrol was responding to indirect fire and an improvised explosive device exploded.

He was assigned to the first Battalion, 18th Infantry, first Infantry Division from Schweinfurt, Germany.

He was from Cypress, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL DOMINIC C. BROWN, AGE 19

Lance Corporal Brown died September 13 due to a non-combat related incident in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

STAFF SERGEANT GUY S. HAGY, JR., AGE 31

Staff Sergeant Hagy died September 13 in Baghdad when an improvised explosive device detonated near his observation post.

He was assigned to the first Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, first Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX.

He was from Lodi, CA.

MAJ. KEVIN M. SHEA, AGE 38

Maj. Shea died September 14 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL MATTHEW D. PUCKETT, AGE 19

Lance Corporal Puckett died September 13 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CORPORAL ADRIAN V. SOLTAU, AGE 21

Corporal Soltau died September 13 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL DREW M. UHLES, AGE 20

Lance Corporal Uhles died September 15 from injuries received due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to first Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

CORPORAL JAYGEE MELAUT, AGE 24

Corporal Melaut died September 13 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ANDREW K. STERN, AGE 24

First Lieutenant Stern died September 16 from injuries received due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to first Tank Battalion, first Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

CORPORAL STEVEN A. RINTAMAKI, AGE 21

Corporal Rintamaki died September 16 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER S. EBERT, AGE 21

Corporal Ebert died September 17 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL GREGORY C. HOWMAN, AGE 28

Lance Corporal Howman died September 15 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL STEVEN C.T. CATES, AGE 22

Lance Corporal Cates died September 20 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to first Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

SERGEANT BENJAMIN K. SMITH, AGE 24

Sergeant Smith died September 22 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to first Tank Battalion, first Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL RAMON MATEO, AGE 20

Lance Corporal Mateo died September 24 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to Headquarters and Service Company, 7th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

SERGEANT TIMOTHY FOLMAR, AGE 21

Sergeant Folmar died September 24 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL AARON BOYLES, AGE 24

Lance Corporal Boyles was killed in action September 24 from small arms

fire while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to Headquarters and Service Company, 7th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

He was from Alameda, CA.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JOSELITO O. VILLANUEVA, AGE 36

Sergeant First Class Villanueva died September 27 in Balad, Iraq when he was at an observation post and was shot by a sniper.

He was assigned to the 9th Engineer Battalion, first Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

He was from Los Angeles, CA.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH L. SICKELS, AGE 20

Private First Class Sickels died September 27 in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to first Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA. He was from Apple Valley, CA.

Two hundred and eighty three soldiers who were either from California or based in California have been killed while serving our country in Iraq. I pray for these young Americans and their families.

LIEUTENANT DAVID KINGSLEY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, in just a couple of weeks, on October 23, a memorial will be erected by villagers and family member at Suhomez, Bulgaria to honor one of our Nation's brave soldiers and one of Oregon's native sons, Lt. Kingsley. Today, I wish to take a few minutes to remember Lt. Kingsley and share his story of great courage and sacrifice.

The story of Lt. David Kingsley is emblematic of the strength and pioneering spirit of the earliest Oregonians. Lt. Kingsley was born and raised in Portland, OR and graduated from Benson High School. Prior to enlisting in the Air Force, he worked in the disaster unit of the Portland Fire Bureau—always committed to the service of his community and country. During the Second World War, he went to pilot training, and then served as a bombardier in a B-17F. He was assigned to the 341st Bomb Squadron, 97th Bombardment Group, 15th Air Force.

On June 23, 1944, he was on Mission No. 295, flying out of Amendola airfield in Foggia, Italy against the Dacia Oil Refinery in Ploesti, Romania. While on the bombing run, the right wing of his aircraft was hit by enemy fire. His aircraft took 15 strikes, crippling it as it flew over Bulgaria. The attack injured several members of the aircrew, including the tail-gunner. Lt. Kingsley had to remove the tail-gunner's damaged parachute to provide first-aid.

An order to bailout was given; the Lieutenant gave his parachute to the injured tail-gunner and reminded him to pull the ripcord. The last airman exiting the crippled aircraft remembers seeing Lt. Kingsley standing in the

bomb bay of the plane, making sure all of his fellow crew were out of the plane first. Because of Lt. Kingsley's previous flying experience, he jumped into the pilot's seat and tried to regain control of the aircraft, which descended and circled the field in an attempt to land. Witnesses reported seeing the aircraft dive steeply and crash in a field just north of Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Lt. Kingsley never got out alive. For his extreme bravery he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Today, one of the Oregon Air Guard's F-15 units is based in southern Oregon at Kingsley Field, named in Lt. Kingsley's honor. This year marked the 60th anniversary of that fateful day and of Kingsley's heroism.

At a time when so many young men and women from Oregon and all across the Nation are fighting overseas, we honor their service. And we must also remember to honor the service of these veterans—some of whom, like Lt. Kingsley, have made the ultimate sacrifice—so that we can live in freedom and continue to pursue our dreams. We do not forget and will not forget them, and we are forever grateful for their honorable service to and sacrifices for our Nation.

SERGEANT JOSHUA J. SKVOR

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of a fellow Iowan and a dedicated serviceman, Sergeant Joshua J. Skvor, of Cedar Rapids, IA. It is my sad duty to inform the Senate that Sgt. Skvor, a member of the Iowa National Guard, lost his life when the truck he was driving was involved in a collision with another vehicle north of Amana, IA. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends. Sgt. Skvor was assigned to the Iowa Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 234th Signal Battalion, stationed in Cedar Rapids. He is survived by his mother and father, Rachel and Joseph Skvor. They can be very proud of their son.

Though not currently serving on Federal active duty, Sgt. Skvor had recently returned from a 14-month deployment in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As we mourn his tragic loss, it is fitting that we pay tribute to his service to his country. He will be missed by his fellow soldiers as well as all those who knew him.

CORRAL DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to congratulate the Corral Drive Elementary School in Rapid City for being recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a "Blue Ribbon School."

The Federal Blue Ribbon Schools program recognizes schools that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at very high levels. Corral Drive Elementary School clearly meets those high standards. Last year, 90 percent of its students were proficient or

advanced in reading, and 84 percent were proficient or advanced in math.

South Dakota also has one other Blue Ribbon School this year: The Challenge Center School in Sioux Falls.

If you visit Corral Drive Elementary School—as I had the pleasure of doing last spring—it's clear why the school is so successful. It is a lively place where each child's spark of curiosity is nurtured and valued. The walls are covered with students' work and teachers and parents are eager to talk about the children's progress. Overseeing it all is a thoughtful and energetic principal, Mrs. Nancy Whitcher.

Like communities across America, Rapid City has had to cut a number of programs for students, in order to meet budget constraints as well as the new mandates in the No Child Left Behind Act. The fact that Corral Drive Elementary School has achieved such success in the face of such significant challenges makes the Blue Ribbon School designation all the more impressive. Parents, teachers, administrators and everyone in the Corral Drive community can be very proud of Blue Ribbon School designation and, more importantly, of everything they are doing to make sure that their children have the opportunity to develop their God-given skills and abilities.

Education is something South Dakotans take very seriously, and we are proud of how well our schools are doing. About three-quarters of our children demonstrated proficient on the latest No Child Left Behind exams, and our state ranks among the top 10 in the country on the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

Good, strong public schools like Corral Drive are pillars of hope. They are also the cornerstone of American democracy. They are what has helped America create the most innovative, powerful economy the world has ever known. It's important to let our educators and parents know that we value their efforts and celebrate their successes. So today, I am pleased to send my congratulations to the educators and families of the Corral Drive school. Keep up the great work!

CONGRATULATIONS ON 30 YEARS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, this month we celebrate an important milestone in South Dakota: The opening of the first Super 8 Motel.

In 1974, the first Super 8 Motel opened in my hometown of Aberdeen, SD. This motel is a pioneer of the economy motel industry, and a perfect example of entrepreneurial success. In its first year of operation, Super 8 showed that its founders, Dennis Brown and Ron Rivett, were surpassing their goals by leaps and bounds—one year after its first motel opened, an additional three motels sprang up in the cities of Pierre, Mitchell, and Yankton. This unprecedented growth continued, and today, in Super 8's thirtieth year of operation, this small business venture